

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARKELL JACKSON,

Defendant.

Case No. CR24-164-JNW

DETENTION ORDER

Defendant Markell Jackson is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C), 846; one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h); two counts of distribution of a controlled substance, 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A), 18 U.S.C. § 2; one count of distribution of a controlled substance, 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C), 18 U.S.C. § 2; and a forfeiture allegation. The Court held a detention hearing on October 7, 2024, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1), and based upon the reasons for detention stated in the record and as hereafter set forth below, finds:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

1. The government is entitled to a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1), as Mr. Jackson is charged with an offense with a maximum sentence

1 of life and an offense with a maximum term of ten years or more under the CSA.

2 2. There is a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions  
3 will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of  
4 the community pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e).

5 3. Taken as a whole, the record does effectively rebut the presumption that no  
6 condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of  
7 Mr. Jackson as required and the safety of the community. Mr. Jackson has strong  
8 community ties and minimal criminal history.

9 4. Mr. Jackson poses a risk of nonappearance due to allegations by the government  
10 that Mr. Jackson evaded arrest when he learned of arrests in other jurisdictions  
11 and allegations that he attempted to destroy evidence contained in a storage  
12 facility. Mr. Jackson poses a risk of danger due to the nature of the offense  
13 charged, allegations related to distribution of Fentanyl on tribal lands causing four  
14 deaths. The weight of the evidence is strong as Mr. Jackson is alleged to be heard  
15 conducting drug transactions on a wiretap, alleged to have distributed drugs to an  
16 undercover agent, and subpoenaed evidence from his iCloud account.

17 5. Based on these findings, and for the reasons stated on the record, there does not  
18 appear to be any condition or combination of conditions that will reasonably  
19 assure Mr. Jackson's appearance at future court hearings while addressing the  
20 danger to other persons or the community.

21 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

22 (1) Mr. Jackson shall be detained pending trial, and committed to the custody of the  
23 Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent

1 practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody  
2 pending appeal;

3 (2) Mr. Jackson shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with  
4 counsel;

5 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the  
6 government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which Mr. Jackson  
7 is confined shall deliver Mr. Jackson to a United States Marshal for the purpose of  
8 an appearance in connection with a court proceeding; and

9 (4) The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to  
10 counsel for Mr. Jackson, to the United States Marshal, and to the United States  
11 Pretrial Services Officer.

12 Dated this 7th day of October, 2024.

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15 MICHELLE L. PETERSON  
16 United States Magistrate Judge  
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